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SUBJECT: ROC DENIES DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. LOW-CIRCULATION ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS JULY 7 CARRIED A STATEMENT BY S.S. SHU (HSU HSIEN-HSIU 1776/6343/0208) CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY DENYING A TIME MAGAZINE REPORT THAT THE ROC IS DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. DR. SHU REPORTEDLY SAID, "THE TIME REPORT IS ILL-FOUNDED... IT IS NOT A MATTER OF WHETHER WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IS OUR NATIONAL POLICY..."

2. ELSEWHERE, HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CITE "LOCAL OBSERVERS" SAYING THAT THE ROC'S PLEDGE TO ABIDE BY THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ROC WILL NOT STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITY IN THE FACE OF A GROWING THREAT FROM THE PRC. THESE OBSERVERS REPORTEDLY CITED PREMIER CHIANG'S APRIL 4 BUDGET SPEECH IN WHICH HE STREESSED THE NEED FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN WEAPONS

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3. THE REPORT WAS NOT CARRIED IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS JULY 7.

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